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For: METHOD FOR COATING A SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIAL USING HIGH
REMANENT INDUCTION, COATED SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIAL AND USE
THEREOF

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NON-UNITY OF INVENTION OBJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the communication mailed June 13, 2003, applicant herein petitions under 37 CFR 1.499 and 1.144 for withdrawal of the unity of invention objection, and requests examination and allowance of all claims at this time.

Claims 1-17 and 35-42 are directed to a method for the heat treatment of shaped bodies. Claims 18-23 and 26-34 are directed to a shaped body made in accordance with the method of claim 1. Claims 24 and 25 are directed to the use of a shaped body produced in accordance with the method of claim 1.

This is a national stage PCT application, and unity of invention issues are to be treated as discussed in detail in MPEP 1893.03(d), which refers to Examples 1-17 of Annex B Part 2 of the PCT Administrative Instructions as amended July 1, 1992 contained in Appendix AI of the

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MPEP. Example 1 includes claim 1 directed to a method of manufacturing chemical substance X, claim 2 directed to substance X and claim 3 directed to the use of substance X. It is stated in Example 1 that there is unity of invention between all of claims 1-3, with the common technical feature to all claims being substance X. This is *exactly* the situation in the claims of the present application. Accordingly, unity of invention exists in the present case, and withdrawal of the unity of invention objection is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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